

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 456

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary L. Fields of Oneida.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary L. Fields; and

WHEREAS, born on December 2, 1948, to the late Newton and Hazel Halbert Smith, Mary Fields was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Mrs. Fields was a strong supporter of various charities, such as Relay for Life, Children's Center of the Cumberlands, the Scott County Shelter society, and the Boys & Girls Club of Scott County; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Fields was an active and devout member of St. Jude Catholic Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Fields was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her loving husband of fifty-three years, Joseph Fields; her children, Rodney (Lea Ann) Fields, Joni (Jerry) Punch, and Joel Fields and companion Dara Smith; grandchildren, Jessica Punch, Kelsey Fields, Logan Punch, and Kristin Fields; siblings, Jim Smith, Dick (Sue) Smith, Jo Ann (Joe) Blanda, Marilyn Hardman, Rose Dunn, and Pat Carlson; brother-in-law, Bob (Marlene) Fields; sister-in-law, Carol Fields; six additional grandchildren, Andrew Punch, Jerry Punch, Jr., Casey Punch, Paige Wisner, Emily Wisner, and Mallory Wisner; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and close friends; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Claude Smith and Mike Smith; and

WHEREAS, Mary Fields leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mary L. Fields, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Fields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.